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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CGEN, PINR, SREF, VN, SN  
SUBJ: ASYLUM REQUESTS

REF: STATE 074653

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR MORNING 23 MARCH, MFA POLITICAL SECRETARY TAN BOON SENG REITERATED GOS DESIRE FOR EARLY ACTION ON THE VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS. MORNING ENGLISH AND CHINESE PRESS REPORTED ARRIVAL OF THE MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND GOS STATEMENT THAT TWO CREW MEMBERS, A LT. COL. AND TRAINEE CAPTAIN "HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO TEMPORARY CUSTODY WHILE THEIR APPLICATION FOR RESETTLEMENT IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTRY OF THEIR CHOICE."

2. IN RESPONSE REF, EMBASSY SUGGESTS WE CONSIDER OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO TRANSPORT ASYLUM SEEKERS. ONE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO SEND A C-130 FROM CLARK AIR FORCE BASE TO SINGAPORE FOR PICK UP AND DIRECT FLIGHT TO GUAM, THUS ALLEVIATING ANY PROBLEM WITH PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT. SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO HAVE ESCORT TAKE VIETNAMESE OUT ABOARD PAN AM SP FLIGHT 0830 HOURS LOCAL 24 MARCH THAT TRANSITS HONG KONG TO SAN FRANCISCO. ACCORDING TO PAN AM, THIS FLIGHT IS FULL, BUT IF DECISION COULD BE MADE IN TIME, BELIEVE WE COULD

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OBTAIN 3 SEATS NECESSARY TO TAKE THE ASYLUM SEEKERS OUT BY COMMERCIAL CARRIER.  
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